

_____ BILL NO. _____

INTRODUCED BY _____

(Primary Sponsor)

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ELIMINATING THE STATE SHARE STATUTORY APPROPRIATION FOR COUNTY ATTORNEYS; AMENDING SECTIONS 7-4-2502 AND 17-7-502, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND A TERMINATION DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 7-4-2502, MCA, is amended to read:

"7-4-2502. Payment of salaries of county officials and assistants--state share for county attorney --statutory appropriation. (1) The salaries of the county officers and their assistants may be paid monthly, twice monthly, or every 2 weeks out of the general fund of the county and upon the order of the board of county commissioners.

(2) The funding for the salary and health insurance benefits for the county attorney is a shared responsibility of the state and the county. The state's share is payable as provided in subsection (3).

~~_____ (3) (a) For each fiscal year, the department of justice shall pay to each county and consolidated government the amount calculated under subsection (3)(b). Payments must be made quarterly.~~

~~_____ (b) (i) For each county and consolidated government with a full-time county attorney, the amount paid each fiscal year must be equal to 50% of 85% of a district court judge's salary most recently set under 3-5-211 plus an amount equal to 50% of the employer contribution for group benefits under 2-18-703(2) for an employee as defined in 2-18-701.~~

~~_____ (ii) For each county and consolidated government with a part-time county attorney, the total amount paid each fiscal year must be equal to the amount calculated under subsection (3)(b)(i) prorated according to the position's regular work hours.~~

~~_____ (c) For the purpose of this subsection (3), the following definitions apply:~~

~~_____ (i) "Full-time county attorney" means that as of July 1 immediately preceding the regular legislative session, the county attorney position has been established as a full-time position pursuant to 7-4-2706.~~

~~_____ (ii) "Part-time county attorney" means that as of July 1 immediately preceding the regular legislative session, the county attorney position has been established as a part-time position pursuant to 7-4-2706.~~

1 ~~—— (iii) "Salary" means wage plus the employer contributions required for retirement, workers' compensation~~
2 ~~insurance, and the Federal Insurance Contributions Act as determined for a district court judge.~~

3 ~~—— (4) The amount to be paid to each county pursuant to subsection (3) is statutorily appropriated, as~~
4 ~~provided in 17-7-502, from the general fund to the department of justice.~~

5 (5)(3) The board may, under limitations and restrictions prescribed by law, fix the compensation of all
6 county officers not otherwise fixed by law and provide for the payment of the compensation and may, for all or
7 the remainder of each fiscal year, in conjunction with setting salaries for other officers as provided in 7-4-2504,
8 set their salaries at the prior fiscal year level."

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10 **Section 2.** Section 17-7-502, MCA, is amended to read:

11 **"17-7-502. Statutory appropriations -- definition -- requisites for validity.** (1) A statutory
12 appropriation is an appropriation made by permanent law that authorizes spending by a state agency without the
13 need for a biennial legislative appropriation or budget amendment.

14 (2) Except as provided in subsection (4), to be effective, a statutory appropriation must comply with both
15 of the following provisions:

16 (a) The law containing the statutory authority must be listed in subsection (3).

17 (b) The law or portion of the law making a statutory appropriation must specifically state that a statutory
18 appropriation is made as provided in this section.

19 (3) The following laws are the only laws containing statutory appropriations: 2-17-105; 5-11-120;
20 5-11-407; 5-13-403; ~~7-4-2502~~; 10-1-108; 10-1-1202; 10-1-1303; 10-2-603; 10-3-203; 10-3-310; 10-3-312;
21 10-3-314; 10-4-301; 15-1-121; 15-1-218; 15-35-108; 15-36-332; 15-37-117; 15-39-110; 15-65-121; 15-70-101;
22 15-70-433; 15-70-601; 16-11-509; 17-3-106; 17-3-112; 17-3-212; 17-3-222; 17-3-241; 17-6-101; 17-7-215;
23 18-11-112; 19-3-319; 19-6-404; 19-6-410; 19-9-702; 19-13-604; 19-17-301; 19-18-512; 19-19-305; 19-19-506;
24 19-20-604; 19-20-607; 19-21-203; 20-8-107; 20-9-517; 20-9-520; 20-9-534; 20-9-622; 20-9-905; 20-26-617;
25 20-26-1503; 22-1-327; 22-3-116; 22-3-117; 22-3-1004; 23-4-105; 23-5-306; 23-5-409; 23-5-612; 23-7-301;
26 23-7-402; 30-10-1004; 37-43-204; 37-50-209; 37-51-501; 39-71-503; 41-5-2011; 42-2-105; 44-4-1101; 44-12-213;
27 44-13-102; 50-1-115; 53-1-109; 53-6-1304; 53-9-113; 53-24-108; 53-24-206; 60-11-115; 61-3-415; 69-3-870;
28 75-1-1101; 75-5-1108; 75-6-214; 75-11-313; 76-13-150; 76-13-416; 77-1-108; 77-2-362; 80-2-222; 80-4-416;
29 80-11-518; 81-1-112; 81-7-106; 81-10-103; 82-11-161; 85-20-1504; 85-20-1505; [85-25-102]; 87-1-603; 90-1-115;
30 90-1-205; 90-1-504; 90-3-1003; 90-6-331; and 90-9-306.

(4) There is a statutory appropriation to pay the principal, interest, premiums, and costs of issuing, paying, and securing all bonds, notes, or other obligations, as due, that have been authorized and issued pursuant to the laws of Montana. Agencies that have entered into agreements authorized by the laws of Montana to pay the state treasurer, for deposit in accordance with 17-2-101 through 17-2-107, as determined by the state treasurer, an amount sufficient to pay the principal and interest as due on the bonds or notes have statutory appropriation authority for the payments. (In subsection (3): pursuant to sec. 10, Ch. 360, L. 1999, the inclusion of 19-20-604 terminates contingently when the amortization period for the teachers' retirement system's unfunded liability is 10 years or less; pursuant to sec. 10, Ch. 10, Sp. L. May 2000, secs. 3 and 6, Ch. 481, L. 2003, and sec. 2, Ch. 459, L. 2009, the inclusion of 15-35-108 terminates June 30, 2019; pursuant to sec. 73, Ch. 44, L. 2007, the inclusion of 19-6-410 terminates contingently upon the death of the last recipient eligible under 19-6-709(2) for the supplemental benefit provided by 19-6-709; pursuant to sec. 5, Ch. 442, L. 2009, the inclusion of 90-6-331 terminates June 30, 2019; pursuant to sec. 16, Ch. 58, L. 2011, the inclusion of 30-10-1004 terminates June 30, 2017; pursuant to sec. 6, Ch. 61, L. 2011, the inclusion of 76-13-416 terminates June 30, 2019; pursuant to sec. 13, Ch. 339, L. 2011, the inclusion of 81-1-112 and 81-7-106 terminates June 30, 2017; pursuant to sec. 11(2), Ch. 17, L. 2013, the inclusion of 17-3-112 terminates on occurrence of contingency; pursuant to sec. 5, Ch. 244, L. 2013, the inclusion of 22-1-327 terminates July 1, 2017; pursuant to sec. 27, Ch. 285, L. 2015, and sec. 1, Ch. 292, L. 2015, the inclusion of 53-9-113 terminates June 30, 2021; pursuant to sec. 6, Ch. 291, L. 2015, the inclusion of 50-1-115 terminates June 30, 2021; pursuant to sec. 28, Ch. 368, L. 2015, the inclusion of 53-6-1304 terminates June 30, 2019; pursuant to sec. 5, Ch. 383, L. 2015, the inclusion of 85-25-102 is effective on occurrence of contingency; pursuant to sec. 5, Ch. 422, L. 2015, the inclusion of 17-7-215 terminates June 30, 2021; pursuant to sec. 6, Ch. 423, L. 2015, the inclusion of 22-3-116 and 22-3-117 terminates June 30, 2025; pursuant to sec. 10, Ch. 427, L. 2015, the inclusion of 37-50-209 terminates September 30, 2019; and pursuant to sec. 33, Ch. 457, L. 2015, the inclusion of 20-9-905 terminates December 31, 2023.)"

COORDINATION SECTION. **Section 3. Coordination instruction.** If both House Bill No. 133 and [this act] are passed and approved, then [this act] is void.

NEW SECTION. **Section 4. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2017.

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